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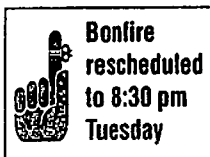
Light Show But No Bonfire

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Saturday's Bonfire may have been postponed but beach-goers still got an impressive light show.

The beach party began on schedule with no problems, according to Fourth of July Com-

mittee Chairman Nancy Reed. In the late afternoon, the



storm hit and within half an hour the beach was cleared and the party was over, Reed said.

"All of a sudden it got really dark and windy," said committee organizer Joan Edgar. "We never even heard thunder, we just saw lightning strike off in the distance. Then, as we were trying to get people off the beach, the lightning started coming really fast."

Edgar said that safety was foremost on her mind. "I was really concerned that somebody was going to be hurt," she said. "I was worried about the younger teens on cell phones calling for rides home, because the phones are conductors of electricity."

As committee organizers worked with fire, police and harbormaster officials to clear the beach, Edgar said that most people were helpful and remained calm. "People were

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very cooperative. They waited very patiently for the trolleys and the police did a great job of keeping the bridge clear for



everyone," she said.

Trolley drivers made quick runs from the beach,

Edgar said. "Joe Dilappi, who drove the Village of Duxbury shuttle bus, donated his bus and his time to the event and ran smooth trips to cars back at the high school," Edgar said. "He was incredible, he was so nice and such a big help."

"It's unbelievable how fast we cleared that beach," said Harbormaster Don Beers. "It took about 45 minutes and that's including with all motor-vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The police kept the east end traffic moving and the lifeguards kept moving everyone off the beach."

According to the harbormaster, the seas were flat, just before the storm arrived. "When it picked up, there were some two or three footers out front, and then we got some hail and then came the torrential downpours," Beers said. "You couldn't even see out the front windshield. Everyone got off the beach and the bridge just in time."

As for the shortened beach party, Reed said the cornerstone lodge had a lot of left over ice-cream from un-made sundaes. "One of the bands never even

got to play, which was too bad. But that stuff happens," she said.

The Bonfire has been rescheduled for tonight, Tuesday, July 3rd at 8:30pm. "The forecasts have been good and we're not expecting any inclement weather," said Reed.

Parade watchers need not worry about canceling the parade unless another strange

storm hits. The parade is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday, and according to organizers, all is going to plan.

"The parade should be great," Reed said. "We've had a lot of calls, there are a couple more floats, a few more bands and the police have some motorcycles coming from Quincy."